



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending December 12, 2014

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing Element Update Public Workshop

The Planning Commission will hold a public workshop to review and discuss the draft Housing Element. The meeting will be held on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 150 City Park Way. The primary goal of the Housing Element is to adopt policies and programs that will preserve, improve and develop housing for all economic segments of the community. The draft Housing Element addresses the following topics:

- Review and evaluation of the current Housing Element;
- Population growth and employment trends;
- Housing characteristics;
- Housing costs and vacancy rates;
- New construction and special population housing needs;
- Resources available for housing production;
- Inventory of available residentially zoned land;
- Governmental and non-governmental constraints to housing production;
- Energy conservation measures; and
- Existing affordable housing developments.

Copies of the public review draft Housing Element are available for review at:

City of Brentwood Community Development Department – 150 City Park Way
Brentwood Library – 104 Oak Street
Brentwood Senior Center – 193 Griffith Lane
Brentwood Community Center – 35 Oak Street
Online – <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/DraftHousingElement>

Please plan on attending the workshop as your input is important. If you have any questions, please contact: Debbie Hill, Associate Planner, (925) 516-5405 or email: dhill@brentwoodca.gov.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Bond Refinance

On November 25th, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with a refinance of \$43 million of the 2008 Water Revenue Bonds carrying an average interest rate of 5.66%. The 2008 Water Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the new water treatment facility adjacent to the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant. On December 4th, the refinanced bond issuance was brought to the capital markets and was oversubscribed. Due to high demand for the bonds, the sale was restructured such that \$800,000 in savings became available in the first year of the refinance. This savings will help with the cost of the Permanent Long-Term Water Conveyance Project in partnership with Contra Costa Water District. The refinanced bonds were issued at an average interest rate of 3.42% and will generate \$9.25 million in total gross savings over a 24 year time period. The savings generated will be available to fund future infrastructure needs and operation of the Water enterprise. The refinancing is expected to officially close in mid-December.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Holiday Movie in the Park – Change of Location

Parks and Recreation is pleased to present *The Santa Clause* as a Movie in the Park. This event will take place on Friday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. Due to the anticipated stormy weather and wet park conditions, the showing of this movie has been moved to the main hall of the Brentwood Community Center. This is a fun, free holiday event for the entire family.





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PUBLIC WORKS

Storm Preparation and Sandbags

Public Works crews have been busy preparing for the coming weather system. Crews have cleared the City maintained creeks and storm channels of vegetation and debris; worked to sweep fallen leaves to help keep storm drain inlets clear of debris; and cleaned trash capture devices and storm outlets into creeks and storm channels.

Sandbags are also available for Brentwood residents. If sandbags are needed, a sand pile, empty sandbags and shovels have been placed outside the Cardboard Drop-off gate located at 2300 Elkins Way. A Public Works employee will be at the site from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. to assist residents, but residents can pick up after hours as well. Proof of residency must be provided prior to picking up sandbags. Limit: 10 bags per household. Additional sandbags can also be picked up at the locations listed on the websites below.

- Incorporated Bay Area: http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_22075899/wet-weather-where-get-sandbags-report-flooding-contr
- Unincorporated Bay Area: <https://contracostafirefighters.wordpress.com/2014/11/30/sandbag-locations-in-unincorporated-contr-a-county/>

Residents may report flooding to the Public Works Department at (925) 516-6000, or after hours to Police Dispatch at (925) 778-2441.

Water Conservation

Winter storms have arrived and the rains are raising hopes for our rain-starved State. To further assist the City and the State in reaching the goal of a 20 percent reduction in water use, we recommend the following:

- Reduce or turn off your irrigation.
- Find and fix leaks. Learn to read your water meter and check for leaks.
- Take shorter showers. You can also place a bucket in the shower and capture water lost due to heating the water.
- Shut off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.